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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Sir:

In an Office Communication dated July 26, 2004, it was noted that the claim numbering in our Corrected Response to the Office Communication dated May 6, 2004, was incorrect and not fully responsive. Accordingly, Applicants submitted a second corrected response after a telephone call with Examiner Mehta and the claim amendments were submitted by facsimile on July 21, 2004.

No fee is believed due, however, please charge any fee to the Deposit Account of Syngenta Biotechnology Inc., #50-1744.

Respectfully submitted,

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